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There have been rumors within the past few months that Alvaro CUNHAL, who has: been called the Secretary General of the Portuguese Communist Party, is losing his hold on the upper echelons of the Party. He is still considered the leader by the rank and file of the Party, however. The anti-CUNHAL feeling is attributed to the new importance of one FUGACA, about whom no details are known.

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One of the certain changes in the communist organization is that CUNHAL's functions in the Central Committee will be assumed by someone else, probably by Manuel GUEDES, who has been a member of that Committee for some time. It is further reported that CUNHAL has recently been censured by the cominform.





